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In re Application of

DECISION ON

Barrett et al

Application No.: 10/522,041

PCT No.: PCT/US03/22001

Int. Filing Date: 11 July 2003 : PETITION UNDER

Priority Date: 19 July 2002

Attorney's Docket No.: UTSG:255US

For: MEHTOD AND COMPOSITIONS CONCERNING:

ALTERED YELLOW FEVER VIRUS STRAINS : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "Petition For Revival Of An International Application For Patent Designating The U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," filed on 25 August 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 11 July 2003, this international application was filed, claiming an earliest priority date of 19 July 2002.

The deadline for paying the basic national fee in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 was 19 January 2005. This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on 19 January 2005 for failure to pay the required basic national fee.

On 19 January 2005, applicant filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the copy of the international application. However, the national basic fee and executed declaration were not provided at such time.

On 27 July 2005, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed the Notification of Abandonment (PCT/DO/EO/909) since the applicant has failed to provide the full U.S. Basic National Fee by 30 months (37 CFR 1.495(b)(2)).

On 25 August 2005, applicants filed the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), which was accompanied by the petition fee and the basic national fee.

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DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

Petitioner has provided: (1) the proper reply by submitting the basic national filing fee, (2) the petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) and (3) the proper statement under 137(b)(3). In this application, no terminal disclaimer is required.

Accordingly, the petition is deemed to satisfy requirements (1), (2), (3), and (4) under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DECISION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing.

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